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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Counsel

Assistant General

SUBJECT

Professional Liability Insurance for Military Physicians Assigned to The Office of Special Activities

REFERENCES

- : A. Memorandum for OGC (OSA 3251-63), Subj: Malpractice Insurance US Air Force Agency Detailed Doctors, dated 12 June 1963.
  - B. Memorandum for Deputy Chief, SD, GSA (OGC 63-1710(a), subject as above, dated 2 July 1963.

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- 1. In accordance with our several conversations and the reference memorandums, presented below are the names of the individuals on whom we wish to obtain additional so-called malpractice insurance coverage through your facilities.
- 2. Because of the somewhat unusual circumstances under which we ask our military detailee Doctors to practice, there is a very good likelihood that the malpractice protection which they would normally enjoy through standard commercial policies or their relationship with the military would not be applicable. For example, these Doctors are required to treat various types of civilians, some of whom have no direct employment relationship with the U.S. Government. Also they are required to practice in States or foreign countries where they may be unable or where it would be infeasible to obtain commercial protection. For these reasons we have requested an opinion



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from the Office of General Counsel as to the propriety of the Agency's payment of supplemental insurance cover-Reference b advises that Agency age through payment of such premiums is warranted as an operational expense.

- 3. Subject to future adjustment we are forwarding to you at this time \$310.00 which represents individual premium payments of \$62.00 each. It is our understanding that this premium will purchase coverage up to \$300,000 per individual.
  - 4. The officers to be insured are:

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